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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Amend claim 1 to the following:

1. (currently amended) A portable electric appliance
and wall mount therefor comprising:

a portable electric appliance having an elongate handle, a housing on top of said handle that contains working parts of said
5 appliance, said housing having a front and said handle having a front portion facing generally the same direction as the front of said housing, and a power switch mounted on said handle, said power switch including an operating member on said front portion of said handle which can be manually moved into a position to
10 open said switch to deenergize the appliance; and

a wall mount comprising a one-piece, molded plastic body having a front face and a rear face, said front face of said wall mount being recessed to provide a socket for receiving said housing, said front face having a switch-engaging surface portion
15 facing outwardly from said front face toward said front portion of said handle and adapted to engage said switch operating member to open said switch as said appliance is assembled onto said wall mount in the event an attempt is made to assemble said appliance on said wall mount when said power switch is closed and said
20 appliance is, therefore, energized, whereupon said appliance may

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be removed from said wall mount by one grasping said handle and
pulling said appliance away from said wall mount and returned to
said wall mount by pointing and moving the front of said
appliance toward and into engagement with said wall mount with
25 assurance that said switch will be closed if opened while said
appliance is being returned to said wall mount.

2. (currently amended) ~~The appliance and wall mount of claim~~
~~1 wherein~~ A portable electric appliance and wall mount therefor
comprising:

a portable electric appliance having an elongate handle and
5 a power switch mounted on said handle, said power switch
including an operating member which can be manually moved into a
position to open said switch to deenergize the appliance; and

a wall mount comprising a one-piece, molded plastic body
having a front face and a rear face, said front face having a
10 switch-engaging surface portion adapted to engage said switch
operating member to open said switch as said appliance is
assembled onto said wall mount in the event an attempt is made to
assemble said appliance on said wall mount when said power switch
is closed and said appliance is, therefore, energized,

15 said body comprises comprising a pair of outwardly-
extending, mutually-spaced clamp jaws partly separated from

surrounding parts of said body, said appliance handle and said clamp jaws having cooperating projections and recesses, said clamp jaws being adapted to clamp said appliance handle therebetween with said switch operating member pressed against said front face of said wall mount when said projections enter said recesses.

3. (original) The appliance and wall mount of claim 2 wherein said recesses are located in said handle and one of said projections extends from one of said clamp jaws and the other of said projections extends from the other of said clamp jaws, said projections facing substantially toward one another.

4. (original) The appliance and wall mount of claim 3 wherein said projections and said recesses are so located relative to said switch operating member that, as the appliance is advanced toward said wall mount, said projections resiliently cam against the leading edges of said recesses, pulling said handle toward said wall mount so that said switch operating member is pressed against the front wall of said wall mount.

5. (original) The appliance of claim 4 wherein said appliance includes a housing on top of said handle that contains working parts of said appliance and wherein said front face of said wall mount is recessed to provide a socket for receiving

said housing.

6. (original) The appliance and wall mount of claim 1 wherein a power cord extends outwardly from said handle.

7. (currently amended) ~~The appliance and wall mount of claim~~
6 A portable electric appliance and wall mount therefor
comprising:

5 a portable electric appliance having an elongate handle, a
power cord extending outwardly from said handle, and a power
switch mounted on said handle, said power switch including an
operating member which can be manually moved into a position to
open said switch to deenergize the appliance; and

10 a wall mount comprising a one-piece, molded plastic body
having a front face and a rear face, said front face having a
switch-engaging surface portion adapted to engage said switch
operating member to open said switch as said appliance is
assembled onto said wall mount in the event an attempt is made to
assemble said appliance on said wall mount when said power switch
15 is closed and said appliance is, therefore, energized,

wherein said wall mount has slots at its lower end for receiving sections of said power cord so that at least part of said power cord is housed behind the front face of said wall mount, and wherein said socket has a back surface that forms a

20 reel about which said power cord may be coursed.

8. (original) The appliance and wall mount of claim 1 wherein said appliance is a portable, hand-held hair dryer.

9. (currently amended) The appliance and wall mount of claim
[[8]] 2 wherein said appliance is a portable, hand-held hair
dryer ~~wherein said body comprises a pair of outwardly-extending,~~
~~mutually-spaced clamp jaws partly separated from surrounding~~
5 ~~parts of said body, said appliance handle and said clamp jaws~~
~~having cooperating projections and recesses, said clamp jaws~~
~~being adapted to clamp said appliance handle therebetween with~~
~~said switch operating member pressed against said front face of~~
~~said wall mount when said projections enter said recesses.~~

10. (original) The appliance and wall mount of claim 9 wherein said recesses are located in said handle and one of said projections extends from one of said clamp jaws and the other of said projections extends from the other of said clamp jaws, said
5 projections facing substantially toward one another.

11. (original) The appliance and wall mount of claim 10 wherein said projections and said recesses are so located relative to said switch operating member that, as the appliance is advanced toward said wall mount, said projections resiliently
5 cam against the leading edges of said recesses, pulling said

handle toward said wall mount so that said switch operating member is pressed against the front wall of said wall mount.

12. (currently amended) ~~The appliance of claim 8~~ A portable electric appliance and wall mount therefor comprising:

a portable electric appliance comprising a portable, hand-held hair dryer having an elongate handle and a power switch mounted on said handle, said power switch including an operating member which can be manually moved into a position to open said switch to deenergize the appliance; and

a wall mount comprising a one-piece, molded plastic body having a front face and a rear face, said front face having a switch-engaging surface portion adapted to engage said switch operating member to open said switch as said appliance is assembled onto said wall mount in the event an attempt is made to assemble said appliance on said wall mount when said power switch is closed and said appliance is, therefore, energized,

wherein said appliance includes a housing on top of said handle that contains working parts of said appliance and wherein said front face of said wall mount is recessed to provide a socket for receiving said housing.

13. (original) The appliance and wall mount of claim 8 wherein a power cord extends outwardly from said handle.

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14. (currently amended) The appliance and wall mount of claim 7 ~~[[13]] wherein said appliance is a portable, hand-held hair dryer wherein said wall mount has slots at its lower end for receiving sections of said power cord so that at least part of said power cord is housed behind the front face of said wall mount, and wherein said socket has a back surface that forms a reel about which said power cord may be coursed.~~

15. (original) The appliance and wall mount of claim 8 wherein said hair dryer has a blower and heater housing on top of said handle, said housing having an air intake at its rear end and an air outlet at its front end, and wherein said switch operating member is located on the front end of said handle and projects forwardly therefrom.

16. (original) The appliance and wall mount of claim 15 wherein said wall mount has a recess in its front wall forming a cavity for receiving the front portion of said blower and heater housing.